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It being uncertain when we can return to Ashland; and as we have the books of the office with us, and must see ALL matter before it goes into the paper, we would request for the sake of promptness that all mail be sent direct to us personally to the following address: S. J. HARRISON, 6036 EDGERTON AVE, CHICAGO, ILL.

## OUR EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

It is absurd for any one to claim that he in heart wishes the prosperity of the Brethren Church so long as he turns a deaf ear to the cry for aid to build up and maintain an institution, where the children of the church who desire it can receive a thorough collegiate education without either sacrificing or compromising any principle the Lord God has taught man to observe. The brethren had clear conceptions when they organized; and though some have devotedly wished that the school had never been undertaken yet we believe that when the present has all passed into history the wisdom of God will be seen in much that is not now clear to us.

It is a principle well understood by those who study the constitution of the human mind that we appreciate things according to the effort that it cost us to acquire them.

We expect to live to see the day when all the cultured minds of the church will see that all the struggles, throes of pain out of which the school has been born have been necessary to give it a lovable and unforgetting mother to properly nurture and jealously guard its future. It has so far as the present is concerned, been necessary to show who its true friends are. When Solomon commanded the living child to be slain he had no trouble in finding who the *true* mother was.

Again, it is now clear to the Brotherhood that whoever takes charge of the school, it can not be done for financial gain. No one can touch the institution without being willing to make great personal and financial sacrifices. This is going to keep out of the work two most formidable foes—jealousy and envy. It will also insure the sympathy of every truly loyal heart in the church; for nothing draws on the human heart like sacrifice.

Seeing Jesus in the act of sacrificing himself upon the cross has won and held more

people to Him than all his miracles—indeed than all the rest of his life. Therefore Paul said he was determined “to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified.”

Could we have been at home where we could have met the trustees and talked with them we would have had much more to say than we do as it is. Our faith is strong however that out of all the bitter experience of the past only righteousness, godliness and prudence will prevail. We have prayed that whatever is done may be approved by Him who can establish against all the powers of darkness, sin, hell and grave.

## TO THOSE WHO SUFFER IN THE FLESH.

The following was written as a *personal* letter, to a dear faithful but greatly afflicted sister. We happened to see the letter before it was sent and suggested that it be published in the EVANGELIST without change of matter, save the withholding of the name of the sister to whom it was written. Ed.]

6036 EDGERTON AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.,

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DEAR SISTER:—Since we have been here I have thought of you so many times. We have seen so many persons in the same condition you are made whole again, and we think there is no reason why you should not walk around the same as you once did. A young girl who had walked on crutches for years with a paralyzed leg was made whole and walks around—even runs—same as other people. A woman who had not walked on one leg for four years was given strength at once and walked from the prayer room without her crutches to her home, praising God. A girl whose one leg was four inches short, caused by hip disease, was prayed for and in eight days the leg lengthened three and a half inches. I have not heard from her for several days but I have no doubt she is now walking perfectly.

A woman was brought here Monday who was given up to die with child-bed fever. She was carried into the house apparently unconscious. The doctor prayed for her—the fever left, she arose and walked around the room, the doctor called for a cup of hot milk, she drank it and walked out of the house to the carriage, went home, and Wednesday was doing her work, same as if she never had been sick.

A little baby given up by the physicians to die with an abscess on the brain, was brought here Monday so near dead that it had to be shaken several times on the way to keep it alive. After prayer it showed signs of ease and again a cup of hot milk was called for, the child drank it—something it had not done for days—the parents took it home

and it at once began noticing its sisters and playing with playthings. Yesterday I saw the happy young father—a Roman Catholic convert—and with a beaming countenance he said the baby is getting well fast. Not one drop of medicine was given in either case.

There are hundreds of cases just as wonderfully healed here every day. What our eyes see and ears hear we can not help but believe. This work can only be compared to that done by Christ and the Apostles. And why should we wonder at it because Christ says, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father.” John xiv, 12-14.

Christ went about teaching, preaching and healing. (See Matt. iv, 23.) For this reason Dr. Dowie says the matter of teaching the people is of *first* importance. People are to be taught the more perfect way, then exhorted to forsake their sins, if they repent and ask God in faith nothing doubting. He will forgive their sins and heal their bodies.

Dr. Dowie's sermons are mostly along the line of healing and its pre-requisites, because that is his mission? That he should have this gift is in perfect harmony with the Word of the Lord. (See 1 Cor. xii, 8-11.) He preaches three times on Sunday and each day during the week, except after Saturday, the sermons during the week he sees the sick for the purpose of prayer. People who are not in immediate danger of dying are required to attend his meetings for several days before he will pray for the healing of their bodies. His doctrine, is that people *must get right spiritually with God* before God will heal their bodies. He preaches repentance from the heart for all sins and baptism by immersion, that kind of repentance which will make all wrongs committed right;—lies must be confessed, stolen property returned so far as possible, etc. As long as there is not a complete sorrow for and forsaking of sin a person need not expect God's blessing. Last week there were about six hundred people sought salvation and this week about one thousand. The most of these people were seeking healing. Of course all did not get the healing, because all were not truly repentant or they lack faith in Jesus.

The great majority were either healed instantaneously or the disease killed, and they are becoming whole. There are all manner of diseases and sicknesses healed—cancers, consumption, tumors, fevers, female diseases, hip diseases, paralysis, blindness, deafness, etc.

Dr. Dowie claims that *all* sickness is the result of sin and is therefore the work of the devil. God never made anyone sick.